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DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF



Detective Sergeant Frank Lore
February 23, 2025



Sergeant Kathleen Radziunas
April 30, 2025



Detective Jamie Atkinson
June 27, 2025



Beyond The Badge NY

On June 14, 2025, Members of the PBA participated in the Beyond the Badge 3rd Annual Angels in the Outfield Ceremony. The ceremony recognized 44 officers who passed away this past year with little leaguers wearing their names on the back of their jerseys. The day was spent celebrating the life of Detective Sergeant Frank Lore.

PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL

June 12, 2025

After 33 years of service and with retirement here, I reflect on the remarkable growth of the MTA PBA. I feel immense pride and honor for being a part of such an exceptional organization. When I first joined the department, we faced numerous challenges. The absence of a 20-year police pension, weak disciplinary protections, the lack of specialized units or career opportunities, and many other contractual deficiencies were just a few of the obstacles we encountered.

Despite these obstacles, THE PBA fought tirelessly and persevered. The PBA secured a 20-year pension, negotiated and created numerous specialized units, lobbied in Albany to legislate many laws that benefit the police community, and most importantly, secured contractual work rules that created our contract, which stands as one of the strongest contracts in the entire state to this day.

As I reflect on these accomplishments, I must recognize those who preceded me as President of our PBA: Stu Sansivero, Ray Gimmler, Mike O'Meara, and Vinny Provenzano. They all played a crucial role in shaping and building the foundation of our PBA, which will support our membership for generations to come. Being part of the history of the PBA with them and helping build our contract from its earliest days through today has been an incredible experience. They all deserve our respect and admiration, and I will always be grateful to them.

Working side by side with the next generation of the PBA, including Joe Pugliese, Tony Spano, Mike LoVerdi, Carlos Couto, and Chris Jones, I am confident that they will continue to work hard to defend the rights and benefits of each and every member. They will also continue to improve on the gains the PBA has secured through the years.

I have worked hand in hand with Joe for many years, and his unwavering loyalty, dedication, and work ethic are unmatched. As he succeeds me, the presidency is in great hands.

I am honored to have not only had the opportunity to work with Joe, Mike, Tony, Carlos, Anthony, and Chris, but also to consider them my friends. I want to express my deepest gratitude to the numerous Trustees and former PBA Executive Board members who have worked with me throughout my years of service. Although I cannot name them all, I genuinely appreciate each and every one of you who dedicated your time and energy to strengthening the PBA.

As I conclude, I implore you to continue supporting Joe and the newly elected PBA Executive Board. In today's world of policing, knowledge and experience are paramount.

Finally, I am humbled to have had the privilege of representing you throughout my years of service. My final piece of advice is to never take your membership in this truly exceptional organization for granted. Time flies, so cherish every moment.

Stay safe, and I wish you all a fulfilling career and happiness in retirement.

Fraternally,



William Waring
President (Retired)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members,

It is with great honor and humility that I step into this new role as President. I want to thank you for your trust and support. I do not take this responsibility lightly, and I am committed to serving each of you to the best of my ability. My title may have changed, but my goal of advocating for all of you remains the same.

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I want to thank outgoing President Billy Waring for his many years of dedication to the MTA PBA. His experience and knowledge will be greatly missed, but I know he is always a phone call away. Billy has been the backbone of this PBA for over 20 years. He has become one of my closest friends and a person who has guided me throughout my entire career. Please join me in wishing Billy a happy and well-deserved retirement.

I would also like to acknowledge our former PBA Presidents, Ray Gimmler, Mike O'Meara, and Vinny Provenzano. Their passion and dedication, not just to our membership but to the police community as a whole, is inspiring, and we are eternally grateful for their service.

My first order of business, as per the by-laws, is to appoint Michael Loverdi as our Executive Vice President. I am also appointing Carlos Couto to serve as our Area Vice President of the Eastern Region. Mike and Carlos have dedicated their careers to the PBA, and I can't think of two better people to be by my side as we start this next chapter of the PBA. I also want to congratulate our incoming Treasurer, Chris Jones, and Recording Secretary, Stephen Provenzano. I have witnessed their growth as PBA representatives, and both have my complete confidence and support.

Congratulations to our newly elected Corresponding Secretary, Kelly Jabouin, and our new Trustees. I look forward to working with each of you to serve the membership. And a big thank you to all of our outgoing Trustees. Being a Trustee is often a thankless job. I know how hard it is, and we wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

The Board joins me in thanking our outgoing Corresponding Secretary, Anthony Agro. Ant is a true gentleman and has been a dedicated union official for many years. We wish him well.

As your President, I intend to build upon the work of our past leadership while also bringing renewed energy and a focus on effective communication. We have grown at such a rapid pace sometimes our message doesn't reach everyone. It will be my mission to improve that while also ensuring everyone's voice is heard, valued, and respected.

As the department continues to expand, now is the time for us to stick together. Budget cuts and improper staffing levels are two significant reasons morale has eroded. We are being asked to do more with less, and all of us share your frustration. We will continue to fight, not only to restore funding but increase it. Staffing must be improved to ensure officer safety. Please notify your Trustees of any deficiencies so we can address them.

We face challenges, but together, we will overcome them and continue to keep this one of the best police jobs in the nation.

Again, I want to thank you for your support. Back each other up and stay safe!

Fraternally,

Joseph Pugliese
President

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National Assoc of Police Organizations

Police Conference of New York
Suffolk County Police Conference
NYS Public Employee Conference
Westchester County APA

The PBA Congratulates Our Newest Members On Gun and Shield Day



Highest Overall Firearms Score - Dylan Henshaw
Highest Overall Physical Fitness Score (Female) - Gabriella Paccione
Highest Overall Physical Fitness Score (Male) - Tyler Perry

2025 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



Dear Fellow Members,

The NYS Legislature wrapped up an extended legislative session on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. I was present, along with the PCNY Legislative Committee, every day to ensure our voices were heard. In the end, we witnessed the passage of numerous bills by both houses, some of which have already been signed by the governor. Overall, the session was a success, although there remains ongoing work to be accomplished.

Please find below a list of bills that passed in the budget;

Mask ban in public
Discovery reforms
NYPD 20-year pension restoration
NYPD SBA, LBA, DEA pension enhancements for longevity in rank
PBAs of NYS 20-year pension
NYS Forest Rangers, SUNY, DEC Police, and State Park Police 20-year pension

The following is a list of bills passed by both houses that require the Governor's signature;

S2644 - LT Joseph Banish Mental Health Bill, which gives certified PEER counselors "confidentiality" when working with a member
S683 - Surviving Spouse of a Law Enforcement Officer killed in the line of duty would receive a property tax exemption. This bill has to be adopted by the local municipality and would allow up to a 50% property tax exemption.
S8181—Legislation to extend the September 11th Worker Protection Task Force – This bill secures 9/11 pension benefits through 2030
S2681 – Directs the Superintendent of State Police to develop a critical incident policy for members of the State Police – This would give paid time off to members directly involved in a critical incident.
S6641A – Line of duty cost of living adjustments for surviving spouses, dependent children, and certain other eligible dependents

Below is a list of some the bills we opposed but were passed in both houses:

A3516 - Prohibits municipalities from using "encrypted" radio systems for public broadcast channels related to a police emergency response.
S946—Authorizes the removal of police officer candidates from a police exam eligible list when such candidate does not meet "psychological fitness requirements" or "lacks good moral character."

The following bills are among those we intend to continue to working on for the upcoming session;

S7931 – Provides an E-Z Pass to every member of the MTA Police Department.
S7027 – Establishes 2 non-voting seats on the MTA Board for the MTA PD Chief of Police and a member of the MTA PBA.
S7024 – Increases the penalty for crimes committed in or upon MTA Property.
S6639 – Increase the OT cap for Tier 6 members from 15%- 30%
S3607 – Prohibits the diminution of health insurance.
S6631 – Increase the COLA for retirees
S6840 – Allows veterans to purchase up to 4 years of military service.
A2481 – Establishes the crime of offering a false accusation against a police or peace officer
A2074C – Seals false or unproven claims against police officers.

I'm proud of what we accomplished this session. Our legislative committee is extremely dedicated, and we never forget that we are working not only for current members, but retired and future members as well. Any questions regarding this update and any other legislative questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Pugliese".

Joseph Pugliese
President

THE PBA EXECUTIVE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE BELOW LISTED MEMBERS FOR THESE SPECIAL MILESTONES

BIRTHS

PO Suraj Manuel	DET SGT Brendan Behan	PO Michael DeBlasi	PO Keyla Cruz
PO Matthew Zwecker	SGT Jairo Diaz	SGT Matthew Buckel	SGT Andrew Kaufold
PO Nicolas Viruet	PO Christian Richardson	PO Tenzin Nyndak	PO Nicholas Andriulo
SGT Rahim Bradshaw	SGT Daniel Spiteri	PO Michael Zebro	DET Christopher Biondo
PO Islande Cedras	PO Michael Quintiliano	PO Victoria Musorofiti	SGT John Williams
PO Kerry Nikonov	PO Stefanie DiLorenzo	SGT Kevin Degnan	PO Anthony Vargas
PO Brittany Sullivan	SGT Brad Bonasia	PO Joane Pena	PO Joeseeph Aliberti
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PO Mack Logan	PO Robert Ingenito	PO Rasagna Perera	PO Raheem Uddin
PO Michael Pontisakos	PO Jervon Bush	DET LT Michael Burns	SGT Jerald Ernst
PO Frank Rubino	LT Matthew Johnson	PO Michael Krukowski	DET Kristen Votta
PO Joseph Piazza	PO Bahar Abumalouh	PO Kelvin Arias	PO Vikki Machado

RETIREMENTS

PO Robert Baile	PO Eric Buonfiglio	PO Keith Flood	
PO Emmanuel Harris	LT Russell Andreasi	PO Gustavo Urena	
PO Yvette Vasquez	PO Matthew Amitrano	PO Wilson Soto	
LT Gregory Jemison	LT Patrick Carolan	LT Tyrone Santos	
SGT Craig Siegelbaum	SGT Patrick Wehrle	DET Gregory Marable	
SGT Kevin Walsh	LT Tajinder Singh	PO Richard Johnson	
DET LT Jose Deras	PO Scott Gerbasio	DET Michael Impemba	
PO Daniel Velez	DET Kurt Tiedemann	PO Otis Noboa	
SGT Ralph Dowling	SGT Edward O'Flaherty	LT Derek Hosein	
PO John Freeman	SGT Nelson Hernandez	PO Sean McDonnell	
PO William Waring PBA President	PO Anthony Agro PBA Corresponding Secretary	PO Frank Meyreles District 5 Trustee	PO Travis Zehr District 7 Trustee

PROMOTIONS

SERGEANT

Ahmed Awad
Michael Ciszewski
Luis Thomas
Kevin Degnan
Mohamad Salim
Jeff Dumbauld
John Clark
Jason Morello

SERGEANT

Kenneth Shields
Dylan DeMeo
David Rivas
Jassen Cabrera
Michael Lanzetta
Carmine LoMonaco
Carlos Bencosme

DETECTIVE

Dagoberto Mederos
Nicholas Paldino
Umair Saqib

New Benefit To Members

Dear Fellow Members,

In response to recent tragic events within our department, the PBA Board has taken proactive steps to enhance the life insurance coverage available to our members. I am pleased to announce that we have partnered with Acisure to provide a guaranteed issue basic life plan. The plan will be underwritten by Amalgamated Life, and the PBA will assume all costs. The highlights of the plan are as follows:

\$50,000 of Basic Life guaranteed issue – no underwriting or medical screenings for active members.

\$15,000 Basic Life for retirees who retired on or after June 1, 2025.

Critical Illness coverage for active members – the member can receive up to 50% (\$25,000) of the face value of the plan. Critical illnesses include cancer, heart attack, stroke, end-stage renal disease, major organ transplant, or paralysis.

The PBA Board felt it was essential to provide an even greater benefit for you, our members. This plan will help both the beneficiaries in the event of a member's death, or a member who is diagnosed with one of the qualifying critical illnesses. The Board recognizes our duty not only to support our members, but also to support their families in their most trying times. We feel this benefit helps provide that. Unfortunately, no insurance company would insure members who retired before June 1, 2025.

We will be sending out more information in the future. Please update your beneficiary information on our website. Any questions, please contact us at support@mtapba.org.

NCPD CREDIT UNION FOR PBA MEMBERS



The PBA Board is excited to announce that the NCPD (Nassau County Police Department) Federal Credit Union has expanded its services to all members of the PBA. This credit union offers support to law enforcement officers and provides a range of services and benefits, including receiving \$50.00 when opening an account, auto loans, and mortgage rates as low as 5.25%. Visit www.ncpdfcu.org to join or for more information.



Click Here For PBA Merch

HAPPY RETIREMENT TO PCNY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER KEVIN MULLICK



PBA President Joe Pugliese with the PCNY Legislative Committee at NCPBA 1st VP Kevin Mullick's Walkout



President Joe Pugliese, Executive Vice President Michael LoVerdi and Area Vice President—East Carlos Couto with Nassau County PBA 1st Vice President Kevin Mullick at his retirement walkout after 32 years of service.

Union leaders from all over the state joined Kevin on his last day to thank him for his hard work in Albany alongside our PBA delegation in fighting for the rights and benefits of our members.



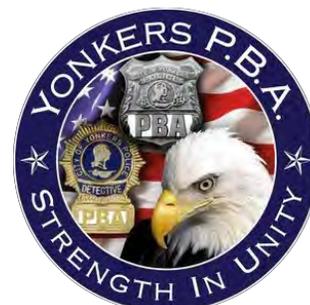
CANTEEN EVENTS



The PBA Canteens



The MTA PBA and Yonkers PBA at Yankees Stadium for member appreciation night. Both Canteens were set up for a pre game tailgate party for all members.





The PBA Canteen at the Funeral Mass for New York Police Department Detective Didarul Islam



The PBA Canteen at the Funeral Mass for Newark Police Department Detective Joseph Azcona on March 14, 2025.

Sergeant Azcona was posthumously promoted during his funeral service.





New York State Assemblyman Charles Fall hosted a Black History Month Celebration Luncheon in Staten Island recognizing the courage, resilience, and contributions of Black Law Enforcement Officers in the State of New York. Assemblyman Fall honored officers from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Officers Moleek Loper, Joshua Lorcy, Samuel Thomas and retired Sergeant and former MTAPD Guardian Vice President, Jaraad Abdul-Hakim. They were joined by members of the MTAPD Guardians Executive Board and MTA PBA Executive Board. Congratulations to everyone honored.



BRIDGE EXPANSION

As of March 6, 2025 we are now patrolling the Throgs Neck Bridge and the Whitestone Bridge. The Highway Unit, Emergency Services Unit, K9, Patrol, Command Staff, and the PBA Executive Board were all in attendance to celebrate this significant milestone.



K9 GRADUATION



Third Annual Remembrance Ceremony



Members of the PBA celebrated the lives of our fellow officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice at the Third Annual Remembrance Ceremony at Grand Central Terminal.



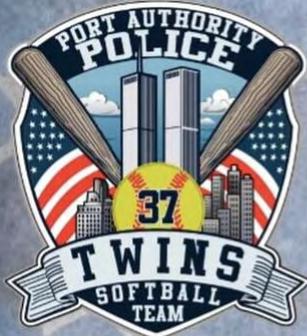
WELCOME OUR NEWEST FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION



Congratulations to the newly formed MTAPD Transit Authority Military Association. On June 26, 2025 they held their inaugural meeting and it was a huge success. Best of luck to yet another great association for our membership.



THE PAPD TWINS AND THE MTA EXPRESS PRESENT OUR FIRST
Charity Softball Game



VS



Get ready for an epic matchup as the PAPD Twins take on the MTA Express in a high-stakes charity softball game – each team picking a charity to represent!

AUGUST 31ST, 2025
@ 1:30PM

Fairfield Properties Ballpark
3 Court House Dr, Central Islip, NY 11722
Home of the LI Ducks Baseball Team

Admission: \$25/ticket
Includes Ducks Baseball Game at 5:05PM

FOR MORE INFO OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS SCAN QR CODE!

FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL TWINSSOFTBALL37@GMAIL.COM





PBA NIGHT



VS



Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 1:00PM

MetLife Stadium

THE YONKERS PBA WILL BE ON-SITE, AND THE MTA PBA WILL HAVE REFRESHMENTS AND FOOD FOR ALL MEMBERS, FAMILIES, AND GUESTS

SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS



SAVE THE DATE

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EVENING IN THE PARK

SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED

We are excited to share an opportunity for us to make a meaningful impact in our community in honor of the anniversary of 9/11. We are partnering with **Hungry Heroes**, a fantastic non-profit organization dedicated to serving our brave first responders and veterans throughout the US.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

All Active & Retired Military, First Responders,
and Their Families Welcome
Family-Friendly Entertainment on site
Honoree Ceremony at 6:30 PM

 **Greis Park**
55 Wilbur Street, Lynbrook, NY

 [Please RSVP here](#), space is limited

 Meals available
11 AM - 7 PM

Boomi and Hungry Heroes will be honoring MTA Police Sergeant Kathleen Radziunas and Detective Jamie Atkinson, who both recently passed away from 9/11 related illnesses.

PBA MEETING

OCTOBER 23, 2025 @ 5:00PM

Castle Royal

92 Waverly Place
Yonkers, NY 10701



THE
HEROES CUP
HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

BENEFITTING TUNNEL 2 TOWERS

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 18TH, 2025

ICE VAULT ARENA, WAYNE, NJ

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

PEER RESOURCES

Cop Line

1-800-267-5463 - Hotline

www.copline.org

Cathy Menzies- LCSW

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631 466 -7053

Lauren Olsen - LMHC

Mettle Works Behavioral Services

845 481-0481

mtapdpeer@mtapd.org

MTA EAP: 212-883-8084

After hours emergency:

917 287-9016

MTA Chaplains: 347-
643-7381

ForgeHealth - Various locations

Jason Palamara

Director of Veteran and First
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516-314-1873 - Cell Phone

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NYLEAP - Various locations

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